



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 65 Chambers Street

Description of Property

The property at 65 Chambers Street, also known as the “Frost House”, is located in the Town of Smiths Falls, on the south side of Chambers Street between Gile Street and Bay Street South. The property contains a two- and one-half storey residential structure. The structure was constructed in 1905 for Edwin J. Frost.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property has physical/design value as a representative example of an early 20th century Edwardian style residence with Queen Anne influences. Edwardian style structures were constructed between 1901 and 1910, during the reign of Edward VII, while Queen Anne style structures generally date to the late 19th century. Common architectural components associated with the Edwardian and Queen Anne styles present on the structure include its irregular massing, broad gables, multi-sloped roofs, projecting two storey bays, a variety of window types and spacing, and decorative wood detailing including shingles, brackets, and bargeboard.

The property also contextual value due to its visual and historical link with the neighbouring properties that form “Mansion Row”. This row of houses was all originally built and owned by Senator Francis T. Frost or his descendants, the founders of Frost & Wood Company, including:

- 69 Chambers Street, built for George Frederick McKimm and Helen Elvira ‘Nellie’ Frost, the daughter of James Trussell Frost (a son of Senator Francis T. Frost)
- 89 Chambers Street, built for Senator Francis T. Frost
- 97 Chambers Street, built as an outbuilding to the “Elmcroft” estate at 89 Chambers Street

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes reflect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- Overall form and massing of the two- and one-half storey structure with a hip and cross gable roof
- Red brick cladding
- All window and door openings, including transom windows and all stained and leaded glass
- Red brick voussoirs and soldier courses
- Red brick chimneys

- Stone sills
- Fish scaling and decorative wood bargeboard in north and east facing gable peaks
- Paired brackets below north facing gable peak
- Wood dentils below east facing gable peak
- Wrap around front porch with doric style columns and a second storey balcony
- Location on Chambers Street as part of Mansion Row